

## PRESS RELEASE

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### **This year, Paris-Saclay University celebrates Giving Tuesday as a fortnight of warm generosity and community spirit from 1 to 14 December 2020**

**Founded in 2012 in the United States, Giving Tuesday is a global generosity movement backed by the United Nations Foundation. Intended to counter Black Friday and Cyber Monday consumerism, the movement first emerged in France in 2018 with the support of the Association Française des Fundraisers. The Paris-Saclay University Foundation quickly joined the initiative and is organising several actions throughout the local area with various local partners and charities.**

Hit by the COVID-19 global health crisis, the year 2020 has seriously affected the university community and, in particular, living and studying conditions for students. Via the Paris-Saclay University Foundation, another surge of generous contributions were made this year on behalf of the University's constituent faculties and institutes, departments, services, component institutions and various local partners.

AGORAè, a solidarity grocery store for students in difficulty, can count on the **support of the University's stakeholders to donate food and essential items to their collection**. To offer the best support possible for students, several university organisations are taking part in the movement, including the MISS (Centre for Science Initiation and Awareness) and the SUAPS (Department of Physical and Sports Activities). With the Department of Student Life, **the participation of young civic service volunteers has invigorated the movement**, a reflection of the values shared by Paris-Saclay University.

The Secours Populaire in Orsay has also highlighted several key needs in the field. That's why the regional student welfare office in Versailles (CROUS), who has been our loyal partner since 2018, is organising two collection points where donors can donate household linen and toys so that Christmas can be a source of joy and pleasure for all.

Our partner since 2018, the company SIOM is providing its support once again this year. As part of Paris-Saclay University's sustainable development project, the company URBAN ECO launched an 'Introduction to Composting' initiative with a fun yet practical webinar on **Tuesday 1 December, 12-1pm and 5-6pm**. A collective compost bin for students will also be installed as part of the initiative.

A certain number of external partners, all of whom are committed to working together as a community, are taking part in our initiatives and offering various types of support. For example:

- The Orsay Town Hall is opening up the MJC Jacques Tati (Community Arts Centre and Youth Club) for the collections organised by **AGORAé** and the **Secours Populaire**.
- The Bures-sur-Yvette Town Hall and the MET (Ecology and Environmental Transition Centre) are organising a "Solidarity Christmas" for all students at Paris-Saclay University.

*More information on Giving Tuesday at Paris-Saclay University can be found [here](#).*

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## ABOUT PARIS-SACLAY UNIVERSITY

*Paris-Saclay University brings together ten constituent faculties and institutes, four Grandes Écoles, the Institut des Hautes Etudes Scientifiques, two associate institutions and shared laboratories with national research organisations.*

*With 48,000 students, 8,100 lecturers and 8,500 administrative and technical staff members, Paris-Saclay University offers a comprehensive and varied range of undergraduate to doctorate level programmes and engineering degrees, renowned for their quality thanks to the reputation and commitment of the University's academic staff.*

*Located in the south of Paris on vast sites that stretch across Paris, Orsay, Évry and Versailles, Paris-Saclay University benefits from a strategic geographical and socio-economic position that is strengthened by its international visibility. A leading university, Paris-Saclay University is recognised for its excellent Mathematics and Physics programmes but also for Biological and Medical Sciences, Agriculture, Engineering, and its extensive Humanities and Social Sciences courses. Close to Paris, Paris-Saclay University is nestled in a protected natural area, at the very heart of a dynamic economic hub.*



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